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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, immediately after the title, insert

■ CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuing application of co-pending International Patent Application PCT/US99/11861, filed May 28, 1999, which claims priority of United States provisional patent application 60/087,711, filed June 2, 1998. --

**REMARKS**

Applicants hereby amend the specification to refer to prior applications.  
These amendments add no new matter.

Applicants request consideration of the application and early allowance of the  
pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew S. Marks", written over a horizontal line.

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